

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment After Final and reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the time and effort taken by the Examiner during the Examiner interview dated July 17, 2008 with Applicants' representative, Mr. Gary D. Yacura. During the interview, the Examiner's art grounds of rejection of claims 1-3 and 6-26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Nonomura (U.S. Patent 6,574,419) was discussed. During the interview, it was agreed that claim 1, for example, as pending distinguishes over Nonomura. In particular, it was agreed that while the AOBs and ASVOBs in Nonomura are decoded based on the PTSs in the packets of the AOBs and ASVOBs, respectively, only the AOBs are output based on the PTSs in the packets of the AOBs. By contrast, the ASVOBs are output based on a display list, which is included in the PGC information. Namely, the ASVOBs are not output based on PTSs in the packets of the ASVOBs. Therefore, Nonomura cannot disclose or suggest at least "outputting the decoded still picture data based on the respective still picture STC and presentation time stamps (PTSs) in the still picture data," as recited in claim 1 and similarly recited in the other independent claims.

Furthermore, the distinctions of claim 26 over Nonomura were also discussed. In particular, Applicants pointed to column 18, line 49; column 18, lines 59-61; and column 19, lines 1-3 of Nonomura as teaching that the AOBs and ASVOBs are reproduced in synchronization. By contrast, claim 26 recites that the decoded audio data and decoded still picture data are not output in synchronization. New claims 27 and 28, dependent upon claims 24 and 25, have been added to recite this same limitation.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the art grounds of rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$120 extension fee herewith.

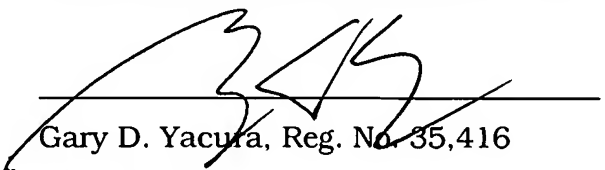
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

HARNESS, DICKY, & PIERCE, P.L.C.

By


Gary D. Yacura, Reg. No. 35,416

P.O. Box 8910
Reston, Virginia 20195
(703) 668-8000

GDY:psy